National Water Mission

2351. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has announced a National Water Mission in order to make the supply of rural water effective;

(b) if so, how Government propose to make the Mission successful; and

(c) what will be the fate of the Panchayati Raj Institutions which are looking after the supply of rural drinking water?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shortage of potable water

2352. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of potable water in many parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details of areas where the shortage is more than 40 percent or more, and

(c) the long term and short term steps taken to meet the requirement of potable water in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA) (a) and (b) Based on the status of coverage of habitations compiled in 1999 and subsequent coverage reported by the State Governments, there are 5737 rural habitations which are presently "not covered" and 66966 habitations which are "partially covered" with the stipulated norm of 40 litre per capita per day supply of potable drinking water from a source within a distance of 1.6 km in plain area or 100 metre elevation in hilly areas. A State-wise break-up of the coverage status is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) The water supply is a State subject. Government of India supplements